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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

TO: Distribution

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at 2012-2013 Einstein Fellows Reception on June 6, 2013

On June 6, 2013, the Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education, a not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, will hold a reception and poster session. This event will take place at the Russell Senate Office Building, Room 485, in Washington, D.C., from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The purpose of the event is to honor and present the work of the 2012-2013 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows from NASA, NOAA, NSF and DOE.

Approximately 100 people are expected to attend. Attendees will include members of congress and staffers, members of the STEM organizations, NASA personnel and other federal agencies personnel. The estimated cost of the event including all food and beverages is approximately \$20 per person.

I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information on NASA's programs and policies with regard to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, education for all students. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the Triangle Coalition, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for themselves.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsor, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone